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SENATE BILL

No. 1518

Introduced by Senator Correa

February 22, 2008

An act to add Section 9563.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to aging.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1518, as amended, Correa. Multipurpose Senior Services Program sites: competitive bidding requirements.

Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, establishes the Multipurpose Senior Services Program to provide specified services to frail elderly individuals 65 years of age and older who are certifiable for placement in a nursing facility. Existing law requires the California Department of Aging to formulate criteria for approval and designation of local Multipurpose Senior Services Program (*MSSP*) sites.

~~This bill would authorize the department to approve the consolidation of 2 existing local sites without being required to use the competitive bidding process if specified conditions are met.~~

This bill would require the department, when it considers proposals submitted through the competitive bidding process for purposes of establishing a new, or procuring an existing, MSSP site, to seek to ensure that services are provided in the most integrated setting possible

and to give consideration to the prospective provider’s experience in integrating medical and social services programs under a single entity. If a single provider is awarded 2 or more sites through the competitive bidding process, the bill would permit the department to authorize the provider to consolidate specified aspects of the sites, including program services, unless doing so would result in a reduction of services to existing program participants. The bill would also require the department, in making its determination of whether to grant a proposal submitted through the competitive bidding process or a request to consolidate sites, to consider specified criteria.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9563.5 is added to the Welfare and
 2 Institutions Code, to read:
 3 9563.5. (a) When seeking to establish a new Multipurpose
 4 Senior Services Program site, or to procure an existing site, the
 5 department shall seek to ensure services are provided in the most
 6 integrated setting possible and give consideration to the
 7 prospective provider’s experience in integrating medical and social
 8 services programs under a single entity in consideration of
 9 proposals submitted through the competitive bidding process.
 10 (b) If a single provider is awarded two or more sites through
 11 the competitive bidding process, the department may allow the
 12 provider to consolidate program administration, waiting lists, and
 13 services unless doing so would result in a reduction of services to
 14 existing program participants.
 15 (c) In making its determination in connection with a proposal
 16 submitted through the competitive bidding process or a request
 17 for consolidation pursuant to this section, the department shall
 18 consider both of the following:
 19 (1) Input from a broad array of community stakeholders within
 20 the county that serves the population to be affected by the proposal
 21 or the request for consolidation.
 22 (2) Which provider presents the best opportunity to provide
 23 continuity of care for current enrollees.
 24 ~~SECTION 1. Section 9563.5 is added to the Welfare and~~
 25 ~~Institutions Code, to read:~~

1 ~~9563.5.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the~~
2 ~~department may approve the consolidation of two existing local~~
3 ~~Multipurpose Senior Services Program sites without being required~~
4 ~~to use the competitive bidding process if the proposed consolidation~~
5 ~~meets all of the following conditions:~~

6 ~~(a) The consolidated site will be operated by a county organized~~
7 ~~health system, as defined in Section 12693.05 of the Insurance~~
8 ~~Code, that, both prior to and following the consolidation, provides~~
9 ~~Medi-Cal covered services to the beneficiaries of both sites.~~

10 ~~(b) The department determines that the consolidation furthers~~
11 ~~the purposes of this chapter.~~

12 ~~(c) The governing boards of the operators of each site involved~~
13 ~~in the consolidation adopt a formal action in support of the~~
14 ~~consolidation.~~

15 ~~(d) The county organized health system that is to be the~~
16 ~~consolidated site develops, and the department approves, a~~
17 ~~transition plan that protects continuity of client care at the~~
18 ~~consolidated site.~~